

No. 5201	號壹零百二千六第	日六初月九年丑丁緒光	HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 TH , 1877.	五拜禮	號三十月十英	港香	PRICE \$2 ⁵⁰ PER MONTH
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INTERNATIONS.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

BROW (SATURDAY EVENING,
MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,
October 18th, 19th, and 19th.)

TIVELY LAST THREE
PERFORMANCES.

THE FAMOUS
ROYAL ILLUSIONISTS,
from
THE ISLAND OF MYSTERY, THE
EGYPTIAN HALL, London;
their unparalleled Entertainments were pre-
sented nightly to crowded audiences
for over two years,

their UNIQUE and STARTLING
WONDERS.

Their
MUNDLY MYSTERIOUS SEANCES
have been given in the presence of the
GRAND HEADS and NOBILITY of EUROPE,
and before
the most INTELLIGENT ASSEMBLAGES

PART I
 AN HOUR IN DREAMLAND WITH
 KELLAR.
 INTERMISSION OF TEN MINUTES.
 PART II
 A WONDERFUL CABINET
 SEANCE.
 KELLAR, assisted by LING LOK.
 INTERMISSION OF TEN MINUTES.
 PART III
 A GENUINE INFERNAL
 PARTY.
 LING LOK, assisted by KELLAR.

Admission.....\$2.00
To all Parts of the House.
Can now be secured at Messrs. LANE,
POWELL & CO's, where Plan of the Hall can
be seen. Chairs may be ordered for 11.15 P.M.
Company will positively leave for Calcutta
October 17th.
The doors open at 8.30; Commence at 9 o'clock
Hongkong, 12th. October, 1877. [1627

NOTICES are invited for a LEASE of the
LONGHONG HOTEL situated in the pleasant Five
 Star Springs on the 31st August, 1878.
 TENDERS to be sent in on or be-
 fore the 31st March, 1878, to the SECRETARY of
 LONGHONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED,
 will supply any information required.
 Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 18th September, 1877. [1421]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO,
 S. S. CO'S S.S. "DEUCALEON"
 AND "ANCHISES," FROM
 LIVERPOOL.

Shipping Orders must be obtained from
 the Undersigned not later than the 16th
 of September per Str. "GLAUCUS."
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
 Hongkong, 10th October, 1877. [1517]

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND
 SINGAPORE.

E-Steamskip "ARGYLE."

As arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
 are hereby requested to send their Bills
 relating to the Undersigned for Counterseign-
 and to take immediate delivery of their
 cargo, impeding the discharge will be at once
 laid up and stored at Consignees' risk and ex-

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
 Hongkong, 8th October, 1877. [1509]

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND
 SINGAPORE.

E British Steamship

Forfe. Consignees are hereby informed
 that the General Cargo will be landed by and
 be Godown of the Undersigned at Wan-
 wan- delivery can be obtained on an
 and instant.
 Goods remaining in store after the 15th inst.
 as subject to rent.
 Consignees of Opium are requested to take
 away from the Boat alongside the Ice House
 Wharf, otherwise the Drug will be stored
 Undersigned at Consigners' risk, unpro-
 by Fire Insurance.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
 D. D. SASSOON, SOHNS & Co.,
 Agents:
 Canton, 8th October, 1877. [6d1510]
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
CONSIGNERS *non* Company's Steamer
 "DEUCALION"
 Undersigned notified that the Cargo is being dis-
 loaded at Craft, in the Godown of the
 18th inst., in both cases it will lie at
 Consigners' risk. The Cargo will be ready for
 removal from Craft or Godown on and after the
 10th October, 1877.
 Goods not removed after the 10th October, 1877,
 are subject to Rent.
 HUTTENBERG & SWIRE, Agents.
 Canton, 8th October, 1877. [4d81]
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo are
 requested to send in their Bills of Lading
 Undersigned for countersignature, and
 immediate delivery. This Cargo has been
 landed at their risk and expense.
 Fire Insurance has been effected.
 H. DU POUET,
 Agent.
 Canton, 15th September, 1877.
 48 bags Stone, from Madras.
 1 cask "AVA" 3000 September, 1877.
 1 cask "C" (in heart, Nos. 21, 10, 20 cases Morcan-
 1 cask (in diamond) E. Nos. 110, 10 cases Mer-
 1 case Merfhandise;
 1 case (in diamond) T. 1 case Merchandise;
 Canton, 8th October, 1877.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

By a MAIL WILL CLOSE
For Amoy and Moupin—Per Enmy, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Singapore—To-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Saigon—Per Belona, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta—Per Araya, to Japan, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET
The French Contract Packet "YANGTSE" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to be sent through the United Kingdom and Europe via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Benne, Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras.

BY A MAIL-VAN CLOSER
7 A.M. For Amoy and Manila. *Per Envy*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 p.m.
7 A.M. For Singapore. *No m.p.m.*, the 13th instant, at 5 p.m.
7 A.M. For Saigon. *Per Bellona*, to-morrow, 13th instant, at 5 p.m.
7 A.M. For Straits Settlements and Calcutta. *Per Auld and Speen*, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET
7 A.M. The French Consulate at Hongkong. *Per Yangtze*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 p.m.
7 A.M. The 13th instant, with Mails to be sent through the United Kingdom, Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, Aden, Suva, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, viz.:—
7 A.M. Warangal, 17th instant.
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. *Post Office* closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
7 A.M. Thursday, 18th instant.
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamp, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on Payment of a Letter Fee of 18 cents.

For **Amoy and Manila**, **Post Amoy**, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 p.m.
 For **Singapore**, **To-morrow**, the 13th instant, at 1.30 p.m.
 For **Singapore**, **Per Bellina**, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 p.m.
 For **Strait Settlements and Calcutta**, **Per Argyll and Japan**, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET
 The French Contract Packet, **LE YANSTIS**, will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to London, through the United Kingdom and Euro-
 pe, via **Manilla**, to **Singapore**, **Singapore**, **Batavia**, **Galle**, **Pondicherry**, **Madras**, **Calcutta**, **Bombay**, **Amoy**, **Buenos Aires**, and **Alexandria**.
 The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mail, &c.
 WEDNESDAY, 17th instant.
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open till 11 p.m.
 THURSDAY, 18th instant.
 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Steamers, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all communications.
 11 A.M., Registry of Letters closes.
 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
 11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted at the payment of a Letter Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until.
 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
 The United States Mails, of Packet **CITY OF PEKING**, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be CLOSED as follows—
 11 A.M., Registry of Letters closes.
 11.30 A.M., Post Office closes.

For Amoy and Manila. — Post Amoy, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 p.m.
For Singapore. — To-morrow, the 13th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

For Saigon. — Per *Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta. — Per *Argyll* and *Japan*, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Coast Packet *PAQUEBOT YANGSI* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, with Mails to be sent through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, &c.

WEDNESDAY, 17th instant,
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIOUH Box, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 18th instant,
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Steamers, Letters and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

FRIDAY, 19th instant,
11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
12.15 p.m., when the Post Office CLOSSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, the United States, and other United States ports, will be CLOSSED as follows:—

11 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.
1.30 p.m. Post Office closes.
1.45 p.m. Post Office closes for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be placed on board the Packet with Late Fee of 15 cents extra-Postage, until—

1.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

The following rates of Postage must be paid in Hongkong Stamp. — Payment is compulsory in the cases marked *.

Letters, News &c. to Japan, the United States, or Union Countries, 10 cents.
Letters, News &c. to Japan, the United States, or Union Countries, 15 cents.
Letters, News &c. to Japan, the United States, or Union Countries, 15 cents.
Letters, News &c. to Japan, the United States, or Union Countries, 15 cents.

United States, Canada, &c. Vancouver and Ft. Edwards's, 15 cents.

A MAIL-VAN CLOSURE.
 For Amoy and Manila.—Post Amoy, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
 For Singapore.—To-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
 For Hongkong.—To-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—Post Amoy and Japan, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET
 The French Contract Packet "LE YANGSI" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, with Mail to the United Kingdom, United Kingdom, Batavia, Manilla, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galie, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.
 The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mail:—
 WEDNESDAY, 17th instant.
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
 Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open till 10 P.M.
 THURSDAY, 18th instant.
 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamp and Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
 10 A.M., Ministry of Letters closes.
 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
 11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Letter Fee of 10 cents extra postage, until 1 P.M.
 1.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
 The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mail for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be CLOSED as follows:—
 11 A.M., Registry of Letters closes.
 1.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes.
 11.30 A.M., Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be posted on board the Packet with Letter Fee of 10 cents extra Postage, until 1 P.M.
 1.30 P.M., when the Mail is finally closed:—
 The following rates of Postage must be paid in Hongkong Stamps. * Payment is compulsory in the cases marked *.

United States, Canada, * Vancouver and Pt. Edward's Is., * New Brunswick, * Nova Scotia, * Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba, Cayman, French Islands, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad (Registration 8 Cents).....	12	2
Asiatic Mail, Panama.....	18	2
Batavia, Dutch West Indies, * Hays.....	14	4
Hanalei Kingdom.....	10	4
Mexico.....	29	4
Norfolk Island (Registration 12 Cents).....	12	4
Peru, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador.....	13	4

LITTLE NEWS & ADVERTISEMENTS
 CENTS. CENTS. CENTS.

A MAIL-VIEW CLOSURE

For Arroy and Manila.—*Per Ensay*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Singapore.—*At Morrow*, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Saigon.—*Per Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—*Per Arroyal and Japan*, on Thursday, the 13th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET

The French Contract Packet—**YANGSI**—will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to Europe, through the United Kingdom and Europe, *Per* Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gale, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suva, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of Closing the Mails, &c.

WEDNESDAY, 17th instant.

6 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes at Night Box, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 18th instant.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamp, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all communications.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters.

11.15 A.M. Letters (not Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M. when the Post Office CLOSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET

The United States Mail Packet—**CITY OF PEKING**—will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, via the Cape of Good Hope.

11 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

11.30 A.M. Post Office closes.

11.30 A.M. Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or United Kingdom may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 15 cents extra postage, until

11.50 A.M. when the Mail is finally closed.

The following rates of Postage must be paid on all correspondence. Any correspondence in violation of the above regulations is liable to seizure in the cases marked *.

	Rate	Per
	Letter, News, &c.	of. PAPER, &c.
	Cent.	Cratt. Co.
United States, Canada,* Venezuela, Peru, Brazil, &c.	10	2
New Brunswick,* Nova Scotia,* Bermuda, Norfolk, Cape, Curacao, French, Spanish, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Java, Hong Kong, &c.	12	2
(Registration 8 Cents).....	13	2
Assinwall, Panama.....	18	4
Haitiana, Danish West Indies, Saint Thomas, Trinidad, &c.	14	4
Havanna Kingdom.....	30	4
Mexico.....	20	4
Newfoundland (Registration 12 Cents).....	24	4
Peru, Brazil, &c. Ecuador (Registration 12 Cents).....	30	6
West Indies (except <i>Per</i> , <i>Med. above</i>), Costa Rica, <i>Per</i> , New Grenada, &c.	20	4
Turk's Island, Venezuela (Registration 12 Cents).....	23	6

Any articles found enclosed in Newsworthy or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office not sealed, which is to say, the holders have no seal. But there is no expression of a seal.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Emmy*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 p.m.

For Singapore.—Per *Lorway*, the 13th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

For Saigon.—Per *Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—Per *Argyll and Japan*, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *YANGSI* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to be delivered through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseille, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Benin, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, &c.

WEDNESDAY, 17th instant,
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 18th instant,
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Steamers, Letters and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

FRIDAY, 19th instant,
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until—
12.15 p.m., when the Post Office CLOSSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco and the United States, which will be CLOSED as follows—

11 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11.30 a.m., Post Office closes.

1.30 p.m., Post Office opens for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only for letters on board the Packet with Late Fee of 15 cents extra Postage, until—

3.30 p.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

The following rates of Postage must be paid in Hongkong Stamp. "Postage must be paid" in the cases marked *.

LETTERS NEW & OLD PAID BY POST.
Cents. Cents. Cts.

United States, Canada, Vancouver and Ft. Edward's * 12 2
New Brunswick*, Nova Scotia*, Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba, Caracas, French Siam, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad (Registration 3 Cents)..... 12 2
Baltavia, Danish West Indies, Hays *..... 10 4
Hawaiian Kingdom..... 10 4
New Zealand (Registration 3 Cents)..... 10 4
Newfoundland (Registration 12 Cents)..... 18 6
Para, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador (Registration 12 Cents)..... 30 6
West Indies (except St. Med. above), Costa Rica, Rio Araya, New Granada, Nicaragua, Turk Islands, Venezuela (Registration 12 Cents)..... 23 8
* "Island Found enclosed in New-mailed or Book Tickets (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office not sealed, that is to say, the box fastened with sealing wax, but there is no label on the box.

The attention of holders is called to necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sealing a book-plate receipt with the name of the holder, so that the latter precaution having been taken, the contents of the box over received Post Office; the omission of the former, at whatever part of these might not have been stricken for the sake of the Postage Stamp.

MAILED EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND SAIGON.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that

...A MAIL-MAIL CLOSURE.
For Amoy and Manila.—*Per Emay*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Singapore.—*To Morrow*, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Saigon.—*Per Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—*Per Argyll and Japan*, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET
The French Contrast Packet, the **YANGSTI** will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails for Amoy, Canton, the United Kingdom and Euro-
pe, via Manille, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Benin, Aden, Socatra, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails:—
6 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 17th instant.
6 P.M. MONDAY OFFICE CLOSURE. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open till 11 P.M.
THURSDAY, 18th instant.
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamp, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
1.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSURE is strictly.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET
The United States Mail Packet **CITY OF PEKING** will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be CLOSED as follows—
11.30 A.M. Post Office closes.
1.30 P.M. Post Office closes.
1.30 A.M. Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage.
1.50 A.M. when the Mail is finally closed.
The following rates of Postage must be paid in Hongkong Stamps. *Proportions* in the cases marked *.
LITTLE NIPPON, 10 CENTS.
10 C. PAKEN, 10 C.
CENTS. CENTS. CENTS.

United States, Canada*, Vancouver and P. Edwards Is.*
New Brunswick*, Nova Scotia*,
Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba, Cuba, French, Spanish, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad
Registration 8 Cents. 12 2
Asghavul, 8 Cents. 18 4
Bahamas, Danish West Indies, 14 4
Hays, 16 4
Himalian Kingdom 20 4
Mexico, 20 4
Newfoundland (Registration 12 12
Cents) 18 6
Peru, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, Registration 8 Cents. 30 6
West Indies (except *see* above), Costa Rica, Honduras, New Grenada, Nicaragua, Registration 8 Cents. 25 6
Any articles found enclosed in New-
spapers or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the boxes fastened with sealing wax, but there is no postmark on them.
The attention of holders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a book or receipt with them. The omission to do so will result in the contents of the box being returned to the Post Office; the omission of the former, and whether part of them might not have been retained for the sale of the Postage Stamp.

MAILS EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND SAIGON
The Philippine Islands having now sailed into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila will be delivered free by this Office in the mails should be delivered free there.
Article IX. of the Postal Treaty of Berlin, 1875, states: "Neither the sender nor the addressee of letters and other postal packets can be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than that recognized as levied on the transmission of correspondence to the receiving office." It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once brought to the notice of the proper authorities.

For Amoy and Manila. *Port Envy*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Singapore. *To-morrow*, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Saigon. *Per Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta. *Per Arryl and Japan*, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET

The French Contract Packet *YANGSI* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 14th instant, with Mails to Europe, to the United Kingdom and to the Far East, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING for the French Mail:

WEDNESDAY, 17th instant,
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 18th instant,
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamp and Registry of Letters and Posting of all correspondence.

11 A.M. Consistory of Letters ceases.

11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters Free) may be posted on payment of a Letter Fee of 15 cents per postage until 1.30 P.M.

11.30 A.M. when the Post Office CLOSSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be CLOSSED as follows:—

11 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

1.30 P.M. Post Office closes.

1.30 P.M. Consistory for Japan, the United States, or United Countries only may be posted on board the Packet with Letter Fee of 15 cents per postage, until 1.30 P.M.

The following rates of Mail is finally closed:—

The following rates of Postage must be prepaid in Hongkong Stamps. *Programpment* is compulsory in the cases marked *.

	Per Letter	Per 100 Letters
United States, Canada, & Mexico	15	1.50
Cuba, Porto Rico, & P. R. Islands	15	1.50
New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, & Prince Edward Island	15	1.50
Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, French, Spanish, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad (Registration 8 Cents)	12	1.20
Aspinwall, Panama	15	1.50
Holman, Danish West Indies, & St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	15	1.50
Hawaiian Kingdom	15	1.50
Mexico	20	2.00
Newfoundland (Registration 12 Cents)	15	1.50
Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador (Registration 12 Cents)	30	3.00
West Indies (except as remed above), Costa Rica, Rio Arriba, & Puerto Rico, San Juan, & Turkey Island, Venezuela (Registration 12 Cents)	23	2.30

Any articles found enclosed in New York or Book Trucks (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the letters fastened with sealing wax, but there is no postage paid on them.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a separate card with the address of the boxholder, so that the latter precaution leaves no doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, or whether part of them might not have been intercepted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

MAILS EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND SAIGON.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office.

In the mails should be delivered free there is no article No. 1 of the Postal Treaty of Berne, but the latter has no sanction for the dresses of letters and other postal packets to be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than the recognised rates levied on the articles themselves.

It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will be at once brought to the notice of the proper authorities.

The above does not apply in any way to letters sent outside the mails. These will have to be charged on arrival in Hongkong, and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same rule.

Complaints are sometimes received of charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed would be found all cases that the letters do not bear any seal.

The attention of owners, agents, and clerks of steamers is drawn to the provisions of the Act of 1876, which requires that all letters carried by steamers shall be delivered to the post office at the place of destination.

FOR A MAIL-VAN CLOSURE.
For Amoy and Manila.—*Poor Enmy*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Singapore.—*To-morrow*, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
FRIDAY, 7th July.—*Poor Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—*Poor Arnyll and Japan*, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet, the "YANGSI," will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to SINGAPORE, PENANG, MANILA, LONDON and BARRA. The "Yangsi" will call at Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suva, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mail, &c.:—
WEDNESDAY, 17th instant,
5 P.M., except Other Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open till midnight.
THURSDAY, 18th instant,
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamp Agency of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
11 A.M., Registry of Letters closes.
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be paid on payment of a Letter Fee of 18 cents extra postage.
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet, "CITY OF PEKING," will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for San Francisco, and the United States, which will be CLOSED as follows:—
11 A.M., Registry of Letters closes.
11.30 A.M., Office closes.
11.30 A.M. Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be deposited on board the Packet with Last Day of 12 noon.
11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.
The following rates of Postage must be paid in Hongkong Stamps. *Propayment is compulsory in the cases marked *.

	By Letter Mail.	By Parcel Post.
United States, Canada*, Vancouver and Ft. Edward's Is.*	12	9
New Brunswick*, Nova Scotia*, New Brunswick, British Columbia,	12	6
Cuba, Porto Rico, Spanish, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad (Registration 8 Cents)	12	4
Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii,*	12	4
Hawaiian Kingdom *	12	4
Mexico, Central America, Newfound-land (Registration 12 Cents)	12	3
Peru, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador (Registration 12 Cents)	12	3
We Islands (except ex-med-ical), Costa Rica, Hayti, Cuba, New Granada, Nicaragua, Turk's Island, Venezuela (Regis-tration 12 Cents)	12	3

*Any articles found enclosed in Newspaper or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office not sealed, that is to say, they have been fastened with sealing wax, but there is no provision of a seal.

The contents of bookboxes is called to notice by the careful sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves no doubt as to the contents of the box over reaching the Post Office, the omission of the former, and whether part of them might not have been extracted for the sake of the Postage Stamp.

MAILED EXCHANGE WITH MANILA AND SINGAPORE.
The Philippine Islands having now adjoined into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office. In the case of Singapore, however, the stamps in the mails should be delivered free there.

Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Berlin provides that "Neither the sender nor the receiver of other postal matter need be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax duty other than" the recognized rates levied on the cost of paid correspondence by the respective countries, "and that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once brought to the notice of the proper authorities in either Colony."

This rule does not apply in any way to letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong, and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed would be found in all cases that the letters &c., had been sent loose.

The stationing of owners, agents, and clerks of steamers is drawn to the provisions of the Post Office Act, 1876, which seems to require that the vessel should be ready to sail on the day that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once brought to the notice of the proper authorities in either Colony.

Under the old Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not adapted, nor of departures for Canton or Macao, but since the new Act came into force, with regard to sailing ships the old rule practically remains in force, that notice need be sent unless asked for.

Section XXV requires that the first notice of departure of a steamer shall be given.

In the case of steamers plying regularly on fixed days, notice of any change in the time of their departure will be sufficient.

A MAIL-SHIP CLOSURE.
For Amoy and Manila.—*Port Ensay*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Singapore.—*Lisero*, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
SAILING.—Per Bellona, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—*Per Arryl and Japan*, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet—**YANGSTIE** will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to Europe through the United Kingdom and Europe via Marcellor, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suco, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mail, &c.:—
WEDNESDAY, 17th instant,
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes for the Night Box, which runs open all night.
THURSDAY, 18th instant,
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamp Registry of Letters, and Posting of all except extra postage, until
10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
1.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, via Honolulu, and Panama.
11 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.
1.30 P.M. Post Office closes.
11.30 A.M. Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Continent only may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage, until
1.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed:
The following rates of Postage must be paid by the Letter-Post, as per program, each ad valorem in the cases marked *—
LETTER RATES IN U.S. MONEY.
OF PAYMENT PER UNIT OF WEIGHT.
Duties: Credit Co.

United States, Canada*, Vancouver and P. Edwards's Colonies*..... 12
Australia*, New Zealand*, Vera Cruz*, Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba, Caracoo, French, Spanish, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Mauritius, and Réunion (Registration 8 Cents)..... 12 2
Ashmole, Panama..... 18 4
Hainan, China West Indies, and other ports of the Pacific Ocean..... 14 4
Hannan Kingdom..... 16 4
Mexico..... 20 6
Newfoundland (Registration 12 Cents)..... 18
Other Ports of the Atlantic (Registration 12 Cents)..... 30 6
West India (except as above), and other ports of the Pacific Ocean, as follows:—Turk's Island, Venezuela (Registration 12 Cents)..... 23 6
Any articles found enclosed in Newsletters or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the boxes have no sealing wax; but there is no provision of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to necessity of carefully sealing such boxes so as to be recognizable seals, and of sending a note with the boxes, stating the contents of the latter precaution leaves no doubt as to what the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, at whatever rate of their weight, not being restricted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

MATE EXCHANGER WITH MANILA AND SAIGON.
The Philippine Islands having now admitted the exchange of the Postal Treaty of 1890, all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office in the mails should be delivered free there.

Under Article IV of the Postal Treaty of 1890 provides that "Neither the sender nor the addressee of letters and other postal packets shall be called upon to pay either in the Country of origin or destination any duty other than the recognized rates levied on the case of paid correspondence) by the respective authorities." It is hoped that any extra charge, apparently extra charge, will be discontinued in notice of the proper authorities in either Colony.

The above does not apply in any way to letters sent outside the mails. These will be charged for postage as if they were sent by the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of exchanges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed would be found in all cases that the letter &c., had been sent loose.

The attention of owners, agents, and charterers of steamers is drawn to the provisions of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, which comes into force on the 23rd instant.

Notice is hereby given that no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not carrying mail, nor of departures for Canton or Manila. Notice is now required of any departure, due to the fact that the ships of the local rule of regulations remain in force, that notice need not be sent unless required by the first notice sent to the Post Office.

Section XXV, which requires that every ship regularly engaged in trading, sailing regularly on fixed days, notice of any change in the day hour will be sufficient.

Stamped correspondence may still be sent by mail after the Mail is closed at the Post Office.

The Postmaster-General takes this opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that any such words as Despatches will close at 11 A.M. on the 13th instant, and that any illegal Consignees' letters are exempted by law from passing through the Post Office, but person is allowed to make collection of such letters on the 13th instant, and to deliver them next week during which the practice continued.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards

A MAIL-VIEWER CLOSURE.

For Amoy and Manila.—*Per Enmy*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Singapore.—*To Morrow*, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
Saigon.—*Per Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—*Per Argyll and Japan*, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet, "LE YANGLIS," will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to be delivered through the United Kingdom and Europe via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Genoa, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, &c.:—

WEDNESDAY, 17th instant,
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes. The Night Box, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 18th instant,
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Steam Register of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.15 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18cens extra postage until.

11.30 A.M. when the Post Office CLOSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, China, India, Australia, New Zealand, and America, to be CLOSED as follows:—

11 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases
11.30 A.M. Post Office closes.
1.30 A.M. Correspondence for Japan, the United Kingdom, and Europe, may only be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cens extra Postage, until—

1.50 A.M. when the Mail is finally closed.

By the above, it is understood that the following must be paid in Hongkong Stamp. "Postmark" or "postage" in the cases marked "—":

Destination	Closing Time	Stamp / Postage
United States, Canada, Venezuela, and P.R. Edward's Is.	11.30 A.M.	No Stamp
New Brunswick*, Brazil, Cuba, Honduras, French Spanish, and Dutch West Indian Islands, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad	11.30 A.M.	12 cens
(Registration 8 Cents)	12	2
Aspinwall, Panama	11.30 A.M.	18
Hawaiian Kingdom	11.30 A.M.	16
Hays	11.30 A.M.	14
Mexico	11.30 A.M.	10
San Francisco (Registration 12 Cents)	11.30 A.M.	9
Pera, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador (Registration 12 Cents)	11.30 A.M.	30
West Indies (except N.Y., med. obs.)	11.30 A.M.	23
New Granada, Nicaragua, Turk's Island, Venezuela (Registration 12 Cents)	11.30 A.M.	23
Any article found enclosed in New York or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.		

Many boxes of letters received at the Post Office sealed, that is to say, the fastenings with sealings was, but there is no provision of a seal.

The attention of holders is called to the fact that, besides sealing such boxes with some recognizable seal, and of sending a book or receipt with them. The criterion of the latter precaution leaves no doubt as to the genuineness of the articles sent, and the Post Office, the omission of the former, and whether part of them might not have been extracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

MAILED EXCHANGE WITH MANILA AND SAIGON.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office.

In the mails should be delivered free there.

Article XX of the Postal Treaty of Berne provides that "Neither the sender nor the receiver of any article postal notice shall be called upon to pay either in the Country, Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax duty other than that the designated rates levied on the respective countries." In consequence of this it is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will be added brought to the notice of the proper authorities in either Colony.

Complaints are sometimes received of charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed that the same has arisen from the fact that the letter box had been sent loose.

The attention of owners, agents, and clerks is drawn to the provisions of Article XX of the Post Office Ordinance 1876, which comes into force on the 23rd instant.

Under the old Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not carrying mail; but under the new Ordinance Notice is now required of any departure, both with regard to sailing ships, the old rule practically remains in force, that notice need not be given.

Section XXXV requires that the first notice sent to the Post Office.

In the case of steamers plying regularly on fixed dates, any change in the day or hour will be sufficient.

Stamped correspondence may still be sent aboard any vessel after the Mail is closed at Post Office.

Postmaster-General takes the opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that any such words as Despatches will close at A.M. adduced the advertisement of a vessel to call at Singapore for Canton, or vice versa, from passing through the Post Office, that person is allowed to make collection of such letters for transmission under a post of \$ per week during which the practice continued.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwarding correspondence having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is desired that the following rules be strictly observed:

1.—No Letter or Package, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for postage unless it is addressed in accordance with the regulations applicable to Customs duties.

2.—This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of Haberdashery, unless the current value be so small as to make the sample of valueless.

3.—The limits of weight allowed for parcels

For Amoy and Manila. *Port Ensay*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Singapore. *To-morrow*, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

Sailings.—*Per Bellona*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Straits Settlements and Calcutta. *Per Argyll and Japan*, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET

The French Contract Packet **YANGSTI** will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, for the Mail to Europe, the United Kingdom and Europe, *Per* *Manille*, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suco, and Alexandria.

The following Packet will be hours at OCEANIC the Mail, &c.

WEDNESDAY, 17th instant.

6 P.M., *Post Office* closes for all other offices except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 18th instant.

7 A.M., *Post Office* opens for sale of *Siam* and *Register of Letters*, and Posting of all other letters.

11 A.M., *Post Office* closes except for *Latte* letters.

11.30 A.M., *Letters* (but *Letters* only) may be posted on payment of a *Latte* Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

1.30 A.M., when the *Post Office* CLOSURES

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET

The United States Mail Packet **CITY OF PEKING** will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be CLOSSED as follows:

11.30 A.M., *Post Office* closes.

11.30 A.M., Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or United Countries only may be posted on payment of a *Latte* Fee of 12 cents extra postage, until

1.30 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

The following rates of Postage must be paid in Hongkong Stamp, or Payment in Cash, in the case marked *.

LETTERS (and *Letters* only) sent by *Latte* Fee.

Cent. Cent. Cent.

United States, Canada*, Venezuela*, Guyana*, Port Edward's Is.,* New Brunswick, Nova Scotia,* Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba, Curacao, French Spanish, and Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad, Barbados, Cayenne, French Guiana, Ashmole, Barbados, &c. 12 2 9

Bahamas, Danish West Indies, &c. 14 4 4

Hays, &c. 16 4 4

Spain, Kingdom 18 4 4

Mexico 20 4 4

Newfoundland (Registration 12 18 6

Cents) 18 6 6

Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, &c. 30 6 6

West Indies (except as marked above), Costa Rica, Honduras, New Grenada, Nicaragua, &c. 25 6 6

Any articles found enclosed in New York or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, &c.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the *Post Office* not sealed, that is to say, the boxes fastened with sealings wax. But there is no person at the *Post Office* to open them.

The attention of boxholders is called to necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a book of receipts with them. The omission of either of these latter precautions would result in the contents of the box ever reaching the *Post Office*; the omission of the former, and whether part of them might not have been extracted for the sake of the Postage Stamp.

MAILS EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND SAIGON

The Philippine Islands being now added into the General Postal Union, it follows that letters and parcels sent from Manila to the mails will be delivered free by this *Post Office*.

In the mails should be delivered free there, by the *Post Office*, the Postal Taxis of Manila, provided that the letter or the sender, or the dress of letters and other postal packets may be called upon to pay, either in the Country, Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or other charge, the recognized rates levied in the case of paid correspondence by the destination *Post Office*. It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will be at once brought to the notice of the proper authorities.

The above does not apply in any way to letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong, and the *Post Office* will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of charges on correspondence exchanged between this Colony and Saigon, but it is believed that the *Post Office* is correct in the matter, &c., had sent some letters.

The attention of owners, agents, and clerks of steamships is drawn to the provisions of *Post Office* Ordinance, 1876, which comes in force on the 23rd instant.

Under the old Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of vessels if not *Post Office* Officers for Canton, Macao, &c. Notice is now required of any departure, with regard to sailing ships, the old rule practically remains in force, that notice need not be sent unless the vessel is to call at Hongkong.

Section XXV. requires that the first notice sent to the *Post Office*.

In the case of steamers plying regularly on the coast, the *Post Office* will be notified by the *Post Office* of any change in the day or hour will be sufficient.

Stamped correspondence may still be sent by post any vessel after the Mail is closed at *Post Office*.

The *Postmaster-General* takes the opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that any such words as Despatches will close at A.M. and the advertisement of a vessel will be sent to the *Post Office* by the *Post Office*, from passing through the *Post Office*, no person is allowed to make collection of such boxes for transmission under a penalty of \$5 per week, during which the practice continued.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards Correspondence having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules should be observed:

1.—No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Post if it contains gold or silver medals, jewels, pearls, or other articles of value, that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2.—This Regulation applies to the sending of letters of suitable value, unless the contents are so small as to make the sample of value.

3.—The limits of weight allowed are as follows:

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To British Colonies, 5 lb. 10 oz.

Books and Papers.—To Foreign Countries, 4 lb. 10 oz.

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent, 4 lb. 10 oz.

PAVERS.—8 oz.

In the following articles cannot be sent by *Post Office*:—*Per* *Manille*, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallé, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suco, and Alexandria.

The public is reminded that in China and Japan, there is no such thing as Parcel or

For Amoy and Manila. *Post Amoy*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Singapore. To-morrow, the 13th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Saigon. *Post Belina*, to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Straits Settlements and Calcutta. *Post Arryl and Japan*, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET
The French Contract Packet "YANGSI" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, with Mails to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Bencoolen, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Amoy, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Office:
WEDNESDAY, 17th instant.
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open.
THURSDAY, 18th instant.
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamp Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) payable, of a Letter fee of 10c extra postage, stop.
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES finally.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF PEKIN" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be CLOSED as follows:
11 A.M., Registry of Letters closes.
11.30 A.M., Registry of Letters closes.
11.30 A.M., Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be deposited on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12c extra postage.
11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed:
The following rates of Postage must be paid in Hongkong Stamps. "Propayment is compulsory in the cases marked *":

	Letters, News & Telegrams	Postage
United States, Canada, Vancouver and P. Edward's Is.	12	2
New Brunswick*, Nova Scotia*, Bermuda, Brazil, Cuba, Cayman, Danish West Indies, Dutch West Indies, Guiana, Jamaica, Surinam, Trinidad (Registration 8 Cents).....	12	2
Asiatic, Panama.....	18	4
Hays.....	14	4
Hawaiian Kingdom.....	10	4
Mexico.....	20	4
Norfolk.....	12	2
Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador (Registration 12 Cents).....	30	6
West Indies (except St. John's, Barbados, Havana, New Granada, Nicaragua, Turk's Island, Venezuela (Registration 12 Cents).....	29	6

* Any articles found enclosed in News, Telegrams, or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, etc.) will be confiscated.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, they are fastened with sealing wax, but there is no provision of a seal.

The attention of holders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with wax, and of sending in a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves in doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever received by the Office, and of sending in a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves in doubt as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

MAILS EXCHANGED WITH MANILA AND SAIGON.
The Philippine Islands being now administered by the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila in the mails will be delivered free by this Office.

Any articles found enclosed in News, Telegrams, or Book Packages (as silk scarves, jewellery, etc.) will be confiscated.

Article IX of the Postal Treaty of Berlin provides that "Neither the sender nor the addressee of letters and other postal packets is called upon to pay, either in the Country of origin or in that of destination, any duty other than "the recognized rates levied on the case of paid correspondence) by the domestic authorities, and of sending in a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves in doubt as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

The above does not apply in any way to letters sent outside the mails. These will be subject to the ordinary rates of postage, and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

Complaints are sometimes received of charges on correspondence exchanged between the Colonies, and of sending in a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves in doubt as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

The attention of owners, agents, and charterers of steamers is drawn to the provisions of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, which comes into force on the 23rd instant.

Article 10 of the Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not addressed, nor of signatures for Canton or Manila. Notice is now required of any departure, then with regard to sailing ships, the old rule of the Office, the arrival of the vessel, and to be brought to the notice of the proper authorities in either Colony.

The above does not apply in any way to letters sent outside the mails. These will be subject to the ordinary rates of postage, and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same course.

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